

## PATENT

Atty. Dkt. No. LCNT/WELLEN5

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
**Wellen et al.**

**Serial No.: 10/634,388**

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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR A  
PROTECTED OPTICAL ACCESS  
RING NETWORK**

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**SIR:**

### COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants believe that the record of the prosecution as a whole, including Applicants' specification and claims, provides additional reasons for allowance. The Examiner's Reasons for Allowance do not necessarily state all the reasons for allowance or all the details why the claims are allowed and, therefore, should not be used to interpret the scope of the claims in place of the record of the prosecution as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

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